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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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**RE: Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of CPRE Queue Number Proposal, Limited Waiver of Generator Interconnection Procedures, and Request for Expedited Review
Docket No. 2018-202-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) hereby submit this letter to notify the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) of a second extension to the period for submission of proposals into Tranche 2 of the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (“CPRE”) Program Request for Proposal (“RFP”) solicitation. Similar to the Companies’ December 6, 2019 letter notifying the Commission of an initial extension of the CPRE Tranche 2 solicitation schedule,¹ the Companies are filing this letter with the Commission for informational purposes as a further update to the CPRE Tranche 2 solicitation schedule included in the Petition to Extend Limited Waivers of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Planned Issuance of CPRE Tranche 2 Queue Number (“Petition”) filed in the above-referenced docket.²

The CPRE Tranche 2 RFP solicitation opened October 15, 2019, and originally required proposals to be submitted by December 15, 2019. However, on December 2, 2019, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“NCUC”) issued its *Order Extending Tranche 2 CPRE RFP*

¹ Letter to Public Service Commission of South Carolina Providing Notice of Extension of Proposal Submission Period for Now Open Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy Program Tranche 2 Solicitation, Docket No. 2018-202-E (filed Dec. 6, 2019).

² Petition, at ¶ 15. The Petition explained that the Planned Schedule for Tranche 2 was preliminary and subject to change, and specifically noted that the planned December 15, 2019, deadline for submission of proposals was subject to adjustment by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“NCUC”). Id. at fn. 22.

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Solicitation Response deadline and Rescheduling Stakeholder Meeting, directing the CPRE Program Independent Administrator to extend the deadline for submission of proposals from December 15, 2019 to February 17, 2020, and approving certain other adjustments to the Tranche 2 solicitation schedule.³

On January 10, 2020, the Companies, NC Public Staff, and solar industry representatives filed a joint motion (“Joint Motion”) to the NCUC seeking a second extension of the period for submitting proposals to the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP solicitation. On January 17, 2020, the NCUC issued its *Order Further Extending Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation Response Deadline and Postponing Stakeholder Meeting*, granting the Joint Motion and establishing the deadline for submission of proposals into Tranche 2 as 45 days from the date that the NCUC issues an order addressing the application of the solar integration services charge (“SISC”) to the CPRE Program.⁴ On January 24, 2020, the NCUC issued its *Order Approving Pro Forma PPA*, which addresses the application of the SISC to the CPRE Program. Accordingly, the deadline for submission of proposals to the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP solicitation is now March 4, 2020.

The CPRE Program Independent Administrator has notified interested market participants of these schedule changes and posted the updated Planned Tranche 2 Schedule dates to the IA’s website, available at https://decprerfp2019.accionpower.com/rfp_1902/accionhome.asp. As a result, market participants will now have additional time to finalize and submit their bids for CPRE Tranche 2.

Again, the Companies are making this filing for informational purposes only. These adjustments to the CPRE Tranche 2 solicitation implementation schedule do not impact the waivers granted by Commission Order No. 2019-817.

Sincerely,



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³ See Order Extending Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation Response Deadline and Rescheduling Stakeholder Meeting, NCUC Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156 (Dec. 2, 2019).

⁴ NCUC Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156 (Jan. 17, 2020).